

# Beef Expo Set For March

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The 1993 Pennsylvania Beef Expo will be held March 25-28 in the Ag Arena at Penn State's University Park Campus. The event will be held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's performance-tested bull sale.

"The best Angus, Charolais, Chiangus, Gelbvieh, Polled Hereford, and Simmental bulls will be sold at the Expo on Friday, March 26," said Glenn Eberly, chair of the Beef Expo Committee and

director of PDA's Meat Animal Evaluation Center. "We started testing the bulls in mid-October and we have an excellent set of animals this year."

The Polled Hereford cow sale will be held Friday afternoon. Angus, Charolais, Salers, and Simmental cows will be sold on Saturday. The junior heifer and steer shows will be held Sunday.

The Beef Expo's trade show, which has attracted more than 60 exhibitors in previous years, will be expanded in 1993.

The annual Cattlemen's Banquet also will be held March 25 at Toftrees Hotel, Resort and Conference Center in State College.

For more information about the Beef Expo, or to learn about serving on a 1993 Beef Expo committee, contact Sue Clair, Beef Expo Committee, 568 Rock Road, State College, PA 16801 or Glenn D. Eberly, Beef Expo Committee chair, 651 Fox Hollow Road, State College, PA 16801, (814) 865-5857.

## New Status Topic Of Discussion At Lancaster DHIA

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Wenger said the changes included: a change in the by-laws to reflect the new independent status; a name change from Red Rose to Lancaster DHIA, so people will know where we are geographically, in addition to associating us with the county when

they put it on the list at Raleigh. Other changes on Wenger's list included a change in the processing center; a change in reports and a change in the testing lab.

Only 30 to 40 herds out of a total of 1150 herds in the county did not move along to Raleigh. And Wenger also announced that Joe Graybill, vice president, was elected by the local board to a three year term on Raleigh's board.

Wenger summarized the financial report of the county association and reported \$1,176,699.14 of revenue and \$1,174,837.22 of expenses, with a margin of \$1,861.92. One time expenses from starting their independence were listed as attorney's fees, extra travel and meetings, an office computer and an office copier. Without these one-time expenses the margin would have been about \$10,000. The county has \$47,000 in equity reserve, and Wenger called the county organization "in a sound financial situation."

John Howard, chairman, reorganization committee, gave what he called his last report. "With 56,000 to 59,000 cows on test, people were ready to listen to us," Howard said. "As long as we remain united as a county, we will be able to do things no other county in the nation can do. We are the largest county in the nation—even in Wisconsin; no county has as many cows as Lancaster County does. We can feel very good about our DHIA program. It can be one of the best in the country".

Howard also reported that the rumor that prices for service from Raleigh will increase in January are false. He said there is no price change planned for January.

Jay Mylin, manager, complimented the directors for their extra time and dedication to the organization and the high caliber of work done by the supervisors in making the change of processing possible. "I'm extremely proud of them," Mylin said. "We have a tremendous staff."

Mylin reported that two circuits started on laptop computers in December and more would follow in January. In addition, he said processing costs were projected at 21 cents, but he said he did not think they would actually be quite that high.

George Gramling, manager, Maryland DHIA, said their largest hurdle in taking on an additional 50,000 samples per month was to obtain the vials. He said only one manufacturer in the country makes them, and the capacity is 10,000 per month. "No one ever orders that many vials, but we did, and we have finally received all our order. So we are over that hurdle," Gramling said.

Garry Griffen, director of operations at Raleigh, said Lancaster County has twice as many cows as many of the states they serve. So he said, "If you don't mind, we will just refer to you as a state."

"I have worked with many different states and their supervisors, and I have never seen this kind of cooperation. Your supervisors are 100 percent for the change, and you need to applaud them for the work they are doing."

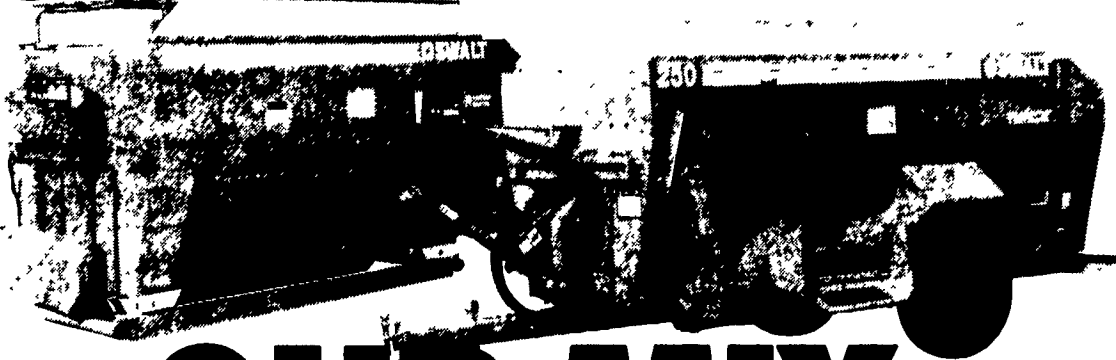
In the awards program, technicians were honored who had less than 2.5 errors per thousand. They were Harold Probst, Joan Probst, Joe Lindcamp, Becky Hershey, Susan Donches, Nelson Kreider, and Moses Martin. Probst had received the Dexter Putnam award for the lowest error rate in Pennsylvania last year, and he also was honored for 35 years of service. James Lehman was recognized for 10 years of service.

In memory of Wilbur Houser for 37 years of service, Mrs. Houser received a plaque in his honor.

Top production awards by breed were honored as follows: Ayrshire: Warren Schmuck, Peach Bottom, 15,995m 546p; Brown Swiss, Donald Trimble, Peach Bottom, 17,263m 619p; Guernsey, Axel Linde and Millie Widman, Oxford, 16166m 570p; Holstein, John Howard, Willow Street, 24,820m 796p; and Jersey, Star Point Jerseys, Quarryville, 15592m 596p.

In election of directors, Rodney Denlinger, Clair Oberholtzer, Steve Hershey, and Carl Martin were newly elected, and Gordon Hoover was reelected.

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